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of officers and the transaction of such other busi-  
ness as may be necessary will be held on the 21st inst.  
at Exchange Street, on Tuesday, March fifteen  
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F. H. STRICKLAND, Clerk.

Bangor, February 14, 1898.

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No Intimation of Firing of the Spanish  
Naval Commission.

Ministers Ask That an Emphatic Denial  
Be Made.

Washington, Mar. 14.—The Spanish  
minister, Henry Polo y Bernabeu, re-  
ceived a number of despatches today  
from the minister of state at Madrid and  
Capt. Gen. Blanca.

Those from General Blanca were  
passing in tone and stated that the situation  
at Havana and throughout the is-  
land was quiet and satisfactory. The  
minister of state cabled saying in sub-  
stance:

The uprising in the Philippines is so  
small that it will be ended by the  
time you receive this.

Since Polo did not have occasion to  
visit the State department today, At 11  
o'clock he made his first formal call by  
appointment on the British ambassador.  
Informal social exchanges had  
previously been made, but the calls re-  
lated to the nature of the formal  
meetings of the representatives of the  
two governments.

The minister has received no intimation  
as to the findings of the naval commission  
which is investigating the Spanish  
minister. He said that the naval  
commission is proceeding with the same formality and  
sensitivity as the United States court of  
inquiry, and that no intimation of its findings  
will be given until the formal re-  
port is presented to the Spanish government.  
His belief, however, was that there is no  
doubt that the commission will report  
that the Manila explosion was due to  
negligence, and that he was convinced  
that this would be the conclusion also  
reached by the people in this country  
when the facts in the matter were  
made known.

The minister asked that an emphatic  
denial be made in his name to the reports  
of the naval commission. He said he  
had no authority to speak for the Spanish government. The  
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One of the Silver Line  
of the city of Boston and  
the other lines of the city  
will be held at the  
corner of Exchange Street  
and Tremont Street  
on the fourth day of

March.

Ernest W. Joy,  
Clerk of the Company.

Ernest W. Joy,  
Manager.

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## The Local News.

Gen. J. S. Smith is at home from Boston for a few days.

The Water Board transacted only routine business at the regular meeting on Monday.

The Dethieh programme for this week will be given Thursday evening instead of this evening.

The Stearns' Circle of King's Daughters will meet this evening with Mrs. Cleveland at 122 Ohio street.

The annual meeting of the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Co. will be held at 10 o'clock today in this city.

E. C. Danforth has purchased the trucking business and the buildings, etc., owned and occupied by R. S. Page, on Market street.

Tickets are selling well for the first annual ball to be given by the shoemakers at Parker & Peakes' factory, at City Hall next month.

Dr. O. E. Waggett went to St. John, N. B., to appear at the Williams-Clary concerts last evening and this evening and at Houlton on Wednesday evening.

Louis Kirstel, the Main street real estate broker, sold on Monday the house and extra lot No. 22, Patten street, owned by Mrs. Mary Walsh. Business is good at this agency, he reports.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bangor & Piscataquis railroad will be held in this city on Wednesday, and on that day many of the stockholders from up river will come to Bangor.

Mr. Eli Merriman, mail clerk, formerly on the Bangor-Boston run, has been transferred to the Bangor-Portland run and thinks of making his home in Portland instead of in Waterville, as heretofore.

Tonight is the time for the much anticipated mystery entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. building. Those on the inside say it is full of fun. The crowd will be there to see it as it is for everybody and the admission is only 15 cents.

The St. James Hotel, Landlord Chris, Poole's hostelry in Pickering square, is to have an extensive addition. On Wednesday the owner, Hon. John B. Foster, will have begun the work of an addition of thirty rooms which are made necessary by Landlord Poole's increasing business.

In the Municipal Court on Monday Arthur Smith, charged with highway robbery on Valley avenue on Saturday night, was bound over to the August court under \$500 bonds which he failed to procure and was accordingly taken to jail. Edward Bracy, of Great Works, who was robbed, was put under \$50 bonds to appear as a witness against Smith and he furnished the amount.

The ship George Stetson, formerly commanded by Capt. W. S. Higgins, of Bangor, has been sold to Arthur Sewall, of Bath, for \$30,000. The Stetson was built in Bath in 1880 by Albert Hartshorn and has been one of the famous vessels engaged in trade between New York and points on the Pacific coast. The Stetson is now at sea, having left Portland, Oregon, several days ago. Capt. Frank Patten is now in command of the Stetson, having taken charge of the vessel at Portland.

**THE TEMPERATURE**  
Atmospheric Conditions as Shown by Methodical Observations.

The following table gives the weather conditions as shown by the thermometer and barometer at Miller's pharmacy:

	Baro. meter.	Therm. ometer.
March 14, 9 A. M.	29.8	47
12 M.	29.8	47
5 P. M.	29.8	48

## The Dipper or the Dropper?

There are cough medicines that are taken as freely as a drink of water from a dipper. They are cheap medicines. Quantity does not make up for quality. It's the quality that cures. There's one medicine that's dropped, not dipped—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. There's more power in drops of this remedy than in dippers of cheap cough syrups and elixirs. It cures Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all Colds, Coughs, and affections of the Throat and Lungs.

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Is now half price for the half-size bottles—50 cents.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**Wilbur Opera Company.**  
A welcome announcement to the amusement loving people of Bangor is to the effect that the Wilbur Opera Company will appear at the Opera House for five nights and four matinees commencing this evening.

The reputation of the Wilbur Company is known and established throughout the length and breadth of the land. For sixteen years they have held sway as a stock operatic organization of the country. The Wilburs honestly and faithfully earned their reputation.

Manager Wilbur has at all times kept faith with the public. He has never promised anything that he could not fulfill. For that reason the public believe in him and patronize his performances.

The Wilburs come to us better and stronger than ever this year. It is said they have not only retained all the old favorites, but have added to their already strong ensemble several new faces that by the time the company leaves here will be as strong favorites as the old people, it is promised. They have revived for this season a number of the old standard operas that were so fondly thought of a decade ago, including "Martha," "Mauritius" and others. The living pictures are still retained and will be presented.

## BUCKSPORT NEWS.

**The Selectmen Settle Down for Business in New Quarters.**

**A Horse of Rare Intelligence—Steamer Coringa Sells for Foreign Lands—Other Notes.**

(Special to Whig and Courier.)

Bucksport, March 14. The selectmen's office has been transferred to the N. T. Hall store now occupied by S. E. Hall. Hereafter the office will be open for the transaction of town business Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 P. M.

For several years the Easter concert has been given by the Elm street Sunday school and the Christmas concert by the Franklin street Sunday school. Owing to the Gale meetings no Christmas concert was given and as both schools were desirous of making a change, the Easter concert will be given this year by the Franklin street school.

Constable Monney has a horse that for punctuality might serve as an example to many a person. Monday noon, Augustus left the animal's manger in front of the grocery store and while he was within the house he blew. Now the horse knew that the master was very punctual under like conditions and started for home at a good pace, leaving the town office to follow at his leisure.

The regular meeting of Riverview Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, Monday evening was preceded by a supper in their bazaar.

Capt. H. C. Farham left for New York Monday to resume charge of his vessel.

Mr. George Blodgett left for Boston Monday to look after the interests of the Blodgett tanneries.

The schooner Mentura is at Hutchings yard, loading brick for the Boston market.

Mr. Walter Lawrence died at his home Sunday evening of pneumonia after an illness of one week. Mr. Lawrence was 68 years of age and leaves a widow, one brother Howard Lawrence and a sister, Mrs. A. M. Nicholson was off again for Boston to look after the increasing interests of the Nicholson fleet.

Steamer Coringa sailed for Liverpool, England, at 3:30 P. M. Sunday. John McConell was on the bridge and will see her safely by Saddleback. The Coringa was unable to take water at Central wharf as planned and will call at Rockport for supplies.

At the next meeting of the town, however, Judge Hale was again elected town treasurer. When his report came up for approval it was closely scanned, and among the items was one of \$500 "advanced by treasurer." Selectman Oakes at once wanted an explanation of it, and on March 28, 1898, he visited Judge Hale and talked the matter over. An hour after Mr. Oakes' interview Judge Hale committed suicide by shooting in his office.

The tragedy was a severe shock to the community, first of sadness, but later of horror, when it came to light that an extensive plan of defalcation had been carried on for years.

Upon the news of Judge Hale's death persons holding notes given by the dead treasurer came to the selectmen and wished their money, and within three days of Hale's suicide, notes to the amount of \$40,000 were presented.

The investigation which followed showed that Judge Hale for a great many years had been borrowing money for his own use and giving in return notes against the town. Within three months after his death \$140,000 in notes were on the list, while several who held similar paper did not make known the amounts. Special town meetings were called and able counsel were employed to guard the interests of the town.

As the late treasurer had exceeded his authority in pledging the credit of the town to this extent, the position assumed by the town was that they owed nothing. Suits were brought by several of the note holders, and five of the cases were carried to the law court. These cases were regarded as test cases to test the validity of the whole, and the recent decision of the court makes Foxcroft liable for nearly all of the debt.

Considerable excitement was manifested when the decision became known and speculation as to the probable outcome of the matter was rife. With a total valuation of but \$347,000, it would be impossible to pay the whole of the debt without levying such an excessive tax that land owners would quickly abandon the town. Certain of the larger note holders were found to be favorable to a compromise.

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## Personal Mention.

Miss Charlotte Thatcher went to Boston on Monday, for a visit of several weeks with friends.

Mr. John E. Crook left on the noon train Monday for Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gillis left on the noon train Monday for Boston to pass a week at the Adams House.

Mr. Walter S. Allen and son left on the noon train Monday for Boston. Mr. Allen goes to business.

Mr. Walter S. Hanson, of Portland, formerly of Bangor, is passing two weeks in Boston.

Mr. Frank Sheridan, of Lowell, formerly of Bangor, who has been visiting friends in Bangor for a few days, returned home Monday.

Miss Ella Clifford has returned from a visit to Boston.

Miss Clergue, Miss Grace Clergue and Miss Gertrude Clergue have returned from a tour in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Milliken, of Augusta, are at the Bangor House.

President F. A. Wilson, of the Maine Central, went to Boston yesterday.

Mr. C. T. Stickpole, of Gardiner, is in the city.

Mr. W. B. Berry, of Gardiner, was in town yesterday.

Miss Fannie Nye, of Fairfield, is the guest of Mrs. F. G. Stickney, on State street.

Miss B. L. Dugan left on the noon train for two weeks' stay in Boston and New York.

Mr. A. H. Babcock, of Bangor, went to Waterville yesterday on business.

Mr. James Rice left on the noon train Monday for Boston on business.

Mr. A. Langdon Fiske left on the noon train Monday for Boston on business.

Mr. F. T. Bradstreet, of Gardiner, is in the city.

Mr. Eugene Thompson has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. Eli Stevens left yesterday for New York.

Mr. Charles A. Lyon left on the noon train Monday for Boston on business.

Mr. E. G. Howard, proprietor of the Asplund Exchange, was in the city Monday on his way to Boston to attend the sportmen's show.

Mr. H. E. Seavey left on the noon train Monday for Boston to attend the ministerial meetings.

Mr. Lot Clark, an extensive coal dealer of New York, is in the city on business.

Mr. F. C. Brackett left yesterday for Boston for a visit.

Register of Deeds John T. Bowler is again able to attend to his business duties after being confined to the house by illness.

Mr. F. C. Robinson, of Rolliston, is in the city.

## THE FIRST STEPS.

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

case in which the action was considered almost in the light of sarcasm. Later, as the town seemed to be getting out of debt, Mr. Oakes wanted a list of those holding notes against the town. Such a list could not be obtained from Judge Hale, and, when pressed, he said that it would be impossible to furnish one, as he had promised his friends that he would do no such, and, if necessary, he would do not rather than break his word.

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Hon. Henry W. Mayo was elected moderator and W. H. Tribou, town clerk.

The articles in the warrant were taken up, discussed and acted on, with the usual number of bursts of eloquence and heart stirring speeches.

The choice of selectmen composed an entirely new board. They are: Rev. D. E. French, N. S. Murch and H. W. Mayo.

Considerable interest centered about the election of superintendent of schools, there being three candidates. The candidates were A. W. Sasse, Chas. Coulard and R. W. Page. After balloting twice R. W. Page was declared elected. Mr. Sasse held that position last year and did his duty thoroughly and well.

Merritt Greeley was elected road commissioner and the compensation fixed at \$2.00 per day for time employed.

E. M. Rose was chosen as treasurer and the compensation fixed at \$40 per year, he was also elected collector of taxes.

The salary of superintendent of schools was limited to not exceed \$200.

It was voted to raise \$2000 for support of schools; \$1200 for support of poor; \$2000 for roads and bridges; \$225 for purchases of school books; \$100 for amusements and \$2000 for incidental expenses.

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The work of fixing yearly salaries of the city's officers was completed as follows:

City clerk, \$150 and auditor, \$125; treasurer, \$1 per cent on monies disbursed, not less than \$350 and not more than \$1,000; assessor of taxes, \$1.75 per hour day; chief engineer of the fire department, \$60; assistant engineer, \$35; fire department, \$10.

Miss Adelaide True was appointed city librarian.

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